

MANOR MONTHLY

NOTES FROM THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Dear Neighbors:

This first issue of "Manor Monthly," marks one of many new ways to keep residents better informed of Village news. A shorter and more frequent newsletter will keep you abreast of important Village issues on a timelier basis. You can now look forward to receiving Village updates monthly.

Besides our Board of Trustee Meetings, our Work Sessions are also open to the public and provides another opportunity for residents to stay informed. Further, all of our meetings are aired regularly on Channel 78 and minutes of our meetings are available on the Village website, www.briarcliffmanor.org, along with all meetings dates.

However, we recognize that residents have busy schedules that do not always permit attendance at regular meetings. Our Village faces many pressing issues that deserve special attention and a resident forum for information and dialogue. It is our intent to hold special public information sessions on these issues beginning with Water. **On July 19th, 7:30 PM in Village Hall, the Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting devoted to the topic of Water in our Village.** We encourage you to attend and participate.

As the summer begins, we wish you and your families a safe and relaxing season and hope you take advantage of the many activities our Village offers.

VILLAGE MANAGER'S UPDATE

- Intersection Improvement Project at South State and Pleasantville Roads is anticipated to be completed by July 15
- New planters have been placed throughout the Central Business District and new garbage receptacles are anticipated for delivery and installation by the Village by the end of August
- The Village is very excited to be the owner of a new ladder truck that will provide the Village Fire Department with more flexibility when fighting a fire

NEW VILLAGE BOARD TAKES OFFICE

On April 8, 2005, Mayor William Vescio, Trustee David Venditti and Trustee Elsie Smith were sworn in for two-year terms on the Board of Trustees. Trustee Gayle Waxenberg was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Vescio's Trustee seat. Trustees David Venditti and Elsie Smith were re-elected to a second two-year term.

BOARD APPROVES NEW WATER RATES

On June 16, 2005 at the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting the Board approved **a one year** water rate increase to commence on June 1, 2005. The increase will do the following:

- **Pay for the Fiscal Year 2004– 2005 Deficit of \$678, 571**
- **Pay for Fiscal Year 2005– 2006 Anticipated Deficit of \$710, 938**
- **Create a Fund Balance in FY 2005-2006 of \$100,000**

The major issue that led to the shortfalls in FY 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 is the Village's inability to obtain its water from the Croton Aqueduct system (\$591.21/ per million gallons), as the Aqueduct was closed for repairs for 9 months out of the year.

As a result, the Village was forced to obtain emergency water from the Village of Ossining and Town of New Castle at an extremely higher rate (\$4,750 and \$9,090/ per million gallons respectively). The Village is now working to secure an agreement with the Village of Sleepy Hollow to provide emergency water.

Today the average quarterly bill for an inside water customer is between \$152 and \$203. With the new water rate increase, the average bill will be between \$237 and \$316.

MEET THE VILLAGE STAFF Michael Blau- Village Manager

Michael Blau has served as the Village Manager since October of 2001. Mike has worked in Westchester County for approximately 18 years, first as Village Administrator for the Village of Tarrytown for 8 ½ years and next as the Village Manager for the Village of Mamaroneck. Mike has worked in the field of Public Administration for 23 years, starting as a Management Analyst at Co-op City and then moving to Michigan and Ohio where he served as City Manager. Mike is the Village's third Village Manager.

Prior to obtaining a Masters Degree in Public Administration and being employed in municipal management, Mike worked as an attorney outside of Philadelphia.

Mike grew up in Wilmington, Delaware and he and his wife now call Briarcliff Manor home.

Mike notes that he has found his time in the Village very rewarding and very challenging. When he first started employment with Briarcliff Manor, there were many operational and organizational issues facing the community. Those issues have been addressed and he is moving on to the numerous Capital Projects planned throughout the community.



BRIARCLIFF MANOR VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

**Department of Public Works
Garbage and Recycling Pick Up Schedule
Telephone: 941-9105– Hours: 7:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m.**

JULY							AUGUST						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2							
3	4 HOLIDAY	5 Monday Garbage p/u	6 EAST SIDE RECYCLE Tues & Wed Garbage P/U	7	8	9		1	2	3 EAST SIDE RECYCLE	4	5	6
10	11	12	13 WEST SIDE RECYCLE	14	15	16	7	8	9	10 WEST SIDE RECYCLE	11	12	13
17	18	19	20 EAST SIDE RECYCLE	21	22	23	14	15	16	17 EAST SIDE RECYCLE	18	19	20
24	25	26	27 WEST SIDE RECYCLE	28	29	30	21	22	23	24 WEST SIDE RECYCLE	25	26	27
31							28	29	30	31 No Recycle Pickup			

Please watch **Channel 78** or visit www.briarcliffmanor.org
for up to date information on the Village.

**IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911
(Police. Fire. & EMS Emergencies)**

IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>TIME OF THE MONTH</u>	<u>TIME</u>
BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1st and 3rd Thursday	7:30 PM
PLANNING BOARD	2nd Tuesday	8:00 PM
ZONING BOARD	1st Tuesday every other month	8:00 PM
CABLE COMMITTEE	1st Wednesday	7:00 PM
LIBRARY BOARD	2nd Wednesday	7:30 PM
BOT WORK SESSION	4th Tuesday	5:45 PM
CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL	1st Monday	7:30 PM

Important Public Information Water Meeting July 19, 2005 at 7:30 PM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
William Vescio, Mayor
David Venditti, Deputy Mayor
Elsie Smith, Trustee
Gayle Waxenberg, Trustee
Donald Wilde, Trustee



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